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Following the receipt of a Notice of Abandonment in 09/757,202, Applicants kindly request that the status of application be restored to pending in light of the copy of the Reply submitted in May 6, 2002 and the return receipt issued from the USPTO, both attached.

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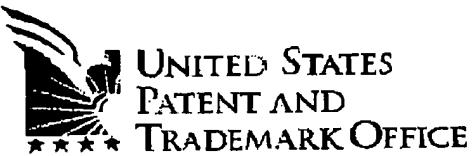
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REPLY

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on February 7, 2002, applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 15-30 and 60-76 are pending and rejected. Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 15-30 and 60-76 are rejected over US patents 5,760,210 and 6,174,999 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections as the Examiner has inappropriately relied on the content of the specification of the cited patents to formulate the instant rejections.

In an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, the obviousness analysis rests on the evaluation of the difference between the invention defined in the pending claims and the

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